

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Thomas Baumeister et al  
Application Number: 10/589,094  
Filing Date: 08/09/2006  
Group Art Unit: 3677  
Examiner: Matthew J. Sullivan  
Title: DEVICE COMPRISING A GRIPPING ELEMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT A**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated April 28, 2009, having a response due date of July 28, 2009. Please charge Deposit Account No. 502786 for any deficiency or overpayment.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims**, as reflected in the listing of claims, begin on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.